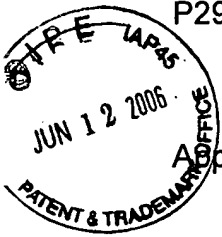


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The following documents are cited in the Specification:

U.S. Patent Publication No.: 2003/0049835, cited in the specification, beginning at page 2, line 16;

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The following documents are listed in the Search Report:

Lee et al., Methods Vol. 30, No. 4, pp. 322-329;

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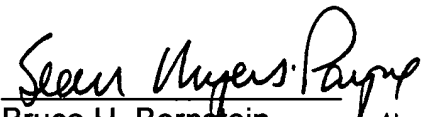
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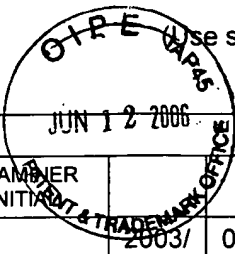

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